

Minutes of WFPL Board of Governance Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.  
Pensacola Library, 239 N. Spring St.  
Pensacola, FL., 32502

Board Members:

- Lori NeSmith, Library Board of Governance, Chair
- Kenneth “Blaine” Wall, Library Board of Governance, Vice Chair
- John Bullock, Library Board of Governance, Member
- Liza Campbell, Library Board of Governance, Member
- Robin Reshard, Library Board of Governance, Member

Administration:

- Todd Humble, Director of Library Services
- Christal Bell-Rivera, Deputy Director of Library Services
- Tricia Sheridan, Director’s Aide
- Chris Hare, Public Services Division Manager
- Amelia Drinkwater, Senior Librarian

I. Call to Order

- Ms. NeSmith called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.
- Proof of Publication was received.
- Quorum was met.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. NeSmith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

III. Public Forum

- No public present

IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Wall made a motion to approve the January 27, 2025, minutes with changes. Ms. Reshard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## VI. Chair's Report

- Ms. NeSmith shared she attended the Friends of the West Florida Public Library sale and asked if we were happy with the turn out. Director Humble responded that we have not yet received the financial report from the Friends.

## VII. Technical Services Leadership Report

- Amelia Drinkwater started as a volunteer at the Tryon Library in her teens, then went to parttime. She left for a time, earned her degree and returned to WFPL. Ms. Drinkwater presented her department of five (four fulltime and one part time) as passionate and meticulous staff. Her department handles all the print materials for entire library system and maintains relationships with the book vendors. They are working hard to get the books for the Brownsville Library ready. She reports no backlog of items to be cataloged. Discussion about Lana Servies as the original cataloger. Ms. Campbell expressed respect for Ms. Servies work. Discussion about the new LSP system.

## VIII. Library Director's Report

- MakerSpot branding of the STEM areas was discussed.
- We may be getting into the Brownsville Library in a week or two to begin set-up.
- Discussion about the makers space being a place for employment skills. Mr. Bullock asked about employers that might be interested. Director Humble said the space won't be marketed that way until it is fully up and running. Ms. Reshard believes the space should still be a place for fun and learning, not just job skills. Director Humble assured the Board it will be a learning place for all ages.
- Director Humble is meeting with the collection team tomorrow to discuss the rate of spending of book purchases, especially for mid-range demand books.

## IX. Old Business

- Director Humble acknowledged his evaluation was good, but wanted to know what he could do better. He also requested his evaluation be shown to him prior to it being sent to his boss. Discussion about how to make this request by building it into the evaluation process. Ms. Campbell suggested adding a step in the directions to say, "Board may choose to review the evaluation with the Director." Mr. Bullock made a motion to change the directions of the library director's

evaluation form based on Ms. Campbell's suggestion. Dr. Wall seconded the motion. Ms. Reshard opposed the motion. Motion passed.

X. New Business

- The tour of the Steam rooms was moved on the agenda to follow the adjournment of the board meeting.

XI. Open Board Discussion

- No discussion.

XII. Next Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at the Pensacola Library, 239 N. Spring St., Pensacola, FL 32502.

- XIII. Adjournment – Ms. NeSmith adjourned the formal meeting at 5:43 p.m. Following, the library administrative staff toured the board members through the new STEAM rooms.